## CLAIMS:

1	1. A process for evaluating individuals' behavioral capabilities, said
2	process comprising the steps of:
3	defining a set of necessary and sufficient behavioral requirements
4	for a particular role and situation in terms of invariant levels on ordinal scales of
5	dimensions of behavioral capabilities generalizeable to all roles and situations;
6	identifying the behavioral attainments of one or more individuals on
7	the same scales and in the same dimensions used in defining the set of behavioral
8	requirements;
9	comparing levels of capabilities defined as requirements and
10	identified as attainments; and
11	identifying and evaluating each individual's behavioral attainment
12	as a profile of zero, positive or negative differences to levels required for a specific
13	role and situation.
1	2. A process for defining a set of essential behavioral requirements for
2	a particular role and situation, said process comprising the following steps:
3	specifying tasks, each with associated outcomes, required for an
4	individual to meet the criteria of desired performance in the specific role and
5	situation;
6	specifying alternate sets of activities and techniques that may be
7	used to carry out required tasks so as to attain all required outcomes;
8	specifying a set of dimensions of necessary and sufficient human
9	abilities of all types, in a typology of behavioral requirements applicable to all
10	roles in all situations, that are involved in carrying out each of the alternatively
11	required sets of activities and techniques; and
12	specifying the required level of each of the necessary and sufficient
13	abilities.

3.	The process as defined in claim 2, further comprising the additional
step of identi	fying each dimension of ability that is essentially required at the
specified leve	el and that will also contribute to superior role performance at higher
levels than re	equired.

4. The process for evaluating individuals' behavioral capabilities as defined in claim 1, wherein, for the purpose of matching individuals with the requirements of role situations, said step of comparing levels of capabilities defined as requirements and identified as attainments comprises the steps of:

processing data to identify, as possible matches, individuals with attained abilities meeting all the abilities, in one of the alternative sets of required abilities for the role and situation; and

identifying individuals, if any, from among those identified above as possible matches, who have attained higher than required levels of abilities in dimensions affecting superior performance in the role-situation.

- 5. An algorithm, for defining behavioral capabilities as a multi-dimensional construct of different types and dimensions of ability elements, comprising a series of steps, each step consisting of a measurement of required or attained ability elements of a particular ability type, each type having a different method of measurement and a unique relationship with the other types in the algorithm and all types in the algorithm encompassing all the types of behavioral capabilities required in all roles and situations.
- 6. The algorithm for the purpose of defining behavioral capabilities, as defined in claim 5, wherein there are the following seven different types of ability elements:
- one (type I) encompassing cognitive abilities consisting of a level of a particular thinking process applied to a level of knowledge in a specific field;

6	a second (type II) encompassing enabling affective predispositions
7	consisting of a level of particular feeling or attitude associated with some specific
8	object of the affect;
9	a third (type III) encompassing physiological abilities consisting of
10	a particular psycho-motor process resulting in a level of biophysical performance;
11	a fourth (type IV) encompassing strategic abilities consisting of a
12	level of range in alternative strategies implemented and a level of complexity in
13	strategies appropriately addressing issues in situations with ambiguous
14	information;
15	a fifth (type V) encompassing aesthetic abilities consisting of
16	sensitivity to a level of the qualities comprising beauty in a particular mode of
17	sensory input;
18	a sixth (type VI) encompassing ethical abilities consisting of a level
19	of consistency in addressing appropriate concern for others and a level of the skill
20	involved in the addressed concern;
21	a seventh (type VII) encompassing spiritual abilities consisting of a
22	level of appropriate subservience of own interests to further attainment of some
23	metaphysical ideal.
1	7. The algorithm of claim 6 for the purpose of defining required
2	behavioral capabilities comprising the further definition as required abilities, types
3	in the following relationships:
4	type I abilities underlying abilities of all other types;
5	type II abilities underlying abilities of types III, IV, V, VI and VII;
6	type III abilities underlying abilities of types IV, V, VI and VII;
7	type IV abilities underlying abilities of types V, VI and VII;
8	type V abilities underlying abilities of types VI and VII; and
Q	type VI abilities underlying abilities of type VII

1	8. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	defining type I cognitive abilities:
3	identifying both process and content components of the ability;
4	identifying the level of the process on a scale calibrated by
5	behavioral indicators with invariant parameters;
6	identifying the level of the content on a scale calibrated by
7	behavioral indicators with invariant parameters; and
8	identifying the level of the required type I ability as both levels of
9	the process and of the content on respective scales calibrated by behavioral
10	indicators with invariant parameters.
1	9. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	identifying required motivation as a level of type II affective abilities:
3	identifying the individual's perceived probability of succeeding in
4	carrying out the role, tasks and techniques required in the particular situation;
5	identifying an index of the individual's value of the consequences of
6	such success in the particular role and situation;
7	calculating the product of the probability of succeeding identified in
8	step "a" and the index of the value of consequences of success identified in step
9	"b"; and
10	identifying the level of motivation on a hierarchical scale of levels,
11	each higher level corresponding to a contiguous higher continuous range of the
12	product calculated in step "c".
1	10. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	identifying required stress management capabilities as a level of type III
3	physiological abilities:
4	identifying the particular activity in a role and situation wherein an
5	incumbent must endure, without deterioration in his or her other capabilities, the
6	highest rate of perceived change in sensory inputs; and

7	defining some index corresponding to the above identified highest
8	rate of perceived change in sensory inputs as the highest level of an excitement
9	tolerance dimension necessary for the role and situation.
1	11. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	identifying required stress management capabilities as a level of Type III
3	physiological abilities:
4	identifying the particular activity in the role and situation wherein
5	an incumbent must endure, without deterioration in his or her other capabilities,
6	the lowest rate of perceived change in sensory inputs; and
7	defining some index corresponding to the above identified lowest
8	rate of perceived change in sensory inputs as the highest level of a boredom
9	tolerance dimension necessary for the role and situation.
1	12. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	identifying required stress management capabilities as a level of type III
3	physiological abilities:
4	identifying the particular activity in the role and situation wherein
5	an incumbent must endure, without deterioration in his or her other capabilities,
6	the highest situation induced tension; and
7	defining some index corresponding to the above identified highest
8	situation induced tension as the highest level of a tension tolerance dimension
9	necessary for the role and situation.
1	13. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	identifying required stress management capabilities as a level of type III
3	physiological abilities:
4	identifying the particular activity in the role and situation wherein
5	an incumbent must endure, without deterioration in his or her other capabilities,
6	the highest range in perceived rate of change in sensory inputs; and

7	defining some index corresponding to the above identified highest
8	range in perceived rate of change in sensory inputs as the highest level of a
9	functional stress range dimension necessary for the role and situation.
1	14. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	identifying required capabilities in implementing strategies in situations with
3	conflicting, missing or ambiguous information as a level of Type IV strategic
4	abilities:
5	identifying the particular activities in the role and situation which
6	require formulation of strategies appropriately addressing conflicting issues and/or
7	issues with missing, ambiguous and conflicting information; and
8	defining some index corresponding to the largest number of issues
9	in any of the above identified strategies as the highest level of a complexity
10	dimension necessary for the role and situation.
1	15. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	identifying required capabilities in implementing strategies in situations with
3	conflicting, missing or ambiguous information as a level of type IV strategic
4	abilities:
5	identifying the particular activities in the role and situation which
6	require formulation of different strategies to appropriately address the range of
7	incurred issues; and
8	defining some index corresponding to the largest number of
9	different strategies required in any of the above identified activities as the highest
10	level of a repertoire dimension necessary for the role and situation.
1	16. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	identifying required aesthetic capabilities as a level of type V abilities:

3	identifying the activities in the role and situation which require
4	sensitivity to the qualities comprising beauty in a particular mode of sensory input;
5	and
6	defining some index corresponding to the highest level of qualities
7	in each particular mode of sensory input identified in the above as the highest level
8	of an aesthetic dimension necessary for the role and situation.
1	17. The algorithm of claim 6 further comprising the following steps for
2	identifying required ethical capabilities as a level of type VI abilities:
3	identifying the activities in the role and situation which require skill
4	and consistency in appropriately addressing particular concerns of particular
5	others; and
6	defining indices corresponding to the highest level attainment of
7	such skill and such consistency identified in the above as the necessary level of
8	aesthetic abilities in the dimension defined by particular types of concerns and
9	others.
1	18. The algorithm as defined in claim 5 for defining behavioral
2	capabilities, further comprising the following steps for establishing an invariant
3	parameter scale for measurement of each dimension of ability element:
4	identifying a pool of data items hypothesized as behavioral
5	indicators of different ability levels within the estimated range of abilities in the
6	individuals to be matched;
7	identifying a representative pool of individuals on whom there
8	exists, or there can be obtained, reliable data on all items identified as behavioral
9	indicators;
10	processing the data on identified items an individuals utilizing one
11	or more models of item response theory designed to establish invariant parameters
12	on the probability of persons with particular ability levels demonstrating the
13	behavior indicated by each data item and indices of the fit of the data on each item,

14	and of the data on each individual, to the resultant overall scale of ability level
15	indicators;
16	eliminating the data on items and individuals below an acceptable fit
17	from their respective pools and reprocessing the remaining data, continuing to so
18	eliminate and reprocess until all items and individuals remaining in the pools have
19	an acceptable fit; and
20	constructing a scale for the dimension in terms of ability levels
21	indicated by each behavioral item remaining in the pool.
1	19. The algorithm of claim 18 for establishing invariant parameter
2	scales further comprising the following steps for the purpose of anchoring
3	indicators of the highest levels in each dimension:
4	including in the representative pool of individuals for each
5	dimension, individuals with recognized elite behavior attainments in the
6	dimension; and
7	anchoring indicators of the highest level attainment with behavioral
8	items that fit a scale which results in the highest level attainment begin identified
9	for those individuals recognized as having attained the highest levels in the
10	dimension.
1	20. A process for identifying individual's behavioral capabilities as
2	differences between attained levels and required levels of all types of abilities
3	required for any role and situation comprising the following steps:
4	identifying one or more behavioral indicator items of ability levels
5	at and around the required ability level in each dimension on a scale with invariant
6	parameters;
7	obtaining and processing data, in each dimension, on an individual's
8	performance on one or more of the identified items at and around the required
9	level; and

10	displaying a profile or the differences between attained and required
11	abilities.
1	21. The process for identifying an individual's behavioral capabilities as
2	defined in claim 20, further comprising the following steps for improving its
3	predictive validity:
4	obtaining longitudinal data on the success and failure of individuals
5	in the roles an situations with which they have been previously matched;
6	processing of the data obtained in each dimension and the
7	longitudinal data on success and failure to optimize, through affecting changes in
8	the established criteria for acceptable demonstration of required ability levels in all
9	dimensions, the overall validity of predicting individuals' success and failure in
10	real-life roles and situations; and
11	establishing new criteria for identifying attained ability levels for
12	the processing of claim 20.
1	22. The process for identifying particular roles and situations best
2	matching an individual's attainment as defined in claim 4, further comprising the
3	following steps to include consideration of additional factors:
4	collecting data identifying the minimum conditions and
5	consequences of successful performance that the individual finds acceptable in any
6	role and situation;
7	collecting data identifying, from among those conditions and
8	consequences identified as minimally acceptable, conditions and consequences
9	that the individual desires at greater than minimally identified levels;
10	collecting data identifying those abilities which the individual
11	desires to personally attain at improved levels in the future, if any;
12	processing data to identify roles and situations offering conditions
13	and consequences that meet or exceed the individual's minimally acceptable
14	conditions and consequences;

15	processing data to identify roles and situations, from among those
16	meeting or exceeding the individual's minimally acceptable conditions and
17	consequences, with behavioral requirements met or exceeded by the individual's
18	current ability attainments; and
19	processing data to identify a subset, or the roles and situations
20	identified above with behavioral requirements met or exceeded by the individual's
21	attainments, or those requiring abilities affecting superior performance that the
22	individual also desires to improve.
1	23. A process for evaluating interventions targeted at accomplishing
2	increases in individuals' abilities comprising the following steps:
3	defining the levels in all dimensions hypothesized as required prior
4	to the intervention for an individual to attain targeted increases through a
5	particular intervention, including the dimension or dimensions targeted for
6	increase, on scales with invariant parameters for all dimensions;
7	defining the set of non-behavioral, pre-intervention, individual
8	statuses hypothesized as causally affecting the effects of the intervention,
9	defining a hypothesized relationship between pre-intervention
10	ability levels and conditions with attained post-intervention ability levels in the
11	dimension or dimensions targeted for increase;
12	obtaining data on ability levels, in the same set of dimensions
13	hypothesized as required, of a statistically significant number of individuals
14	before, during and immediately after the particular intervention, all on the same
15	scales used to define requirements;
16	obtaining data on the pre-intervention conditions, hypothesized as
17	affecting intervention effectiveness, or the same individuals on which ability level
18	data has been obtained;
19	processing the data on ability levels to determine the statistical
20	probability of the particular intervention, and of the individual's prior attainment

of hypothesized pre-intervention requirements, affecting post-intervention

increases in an individual's levels of abilities attainment, for individuals with
different ranges of pre-intervention ability attainments and conditions; and
comparing the statistical probabilities of the particular intervention's
affects with an average probability of the affects of all interventions targeting
individuals with similar pre-intervention abilities and conditions and similar post-
intervention ability attainments.

24. A system for matching individuals with the behavioral requirements of particular roles in situations, said system comprising:

means for entering and storing data on individuals using the system, including their identity and their performance of indicators of the attainment on scales with invariant parameters of all types behavioral capabilities as required for any role and situation;

means for entering, storing, selecting and carrying-out statistical procedures with which to establish the characteristics of and between behavioral indicator items, individuals and individuals' performance of behavioral indicators; means for entering and storing data on role situation requirements; and

means for comparing data on one or more role situation requirements with data on one or more individuals.

25. The system as defined in claim 24 for matching individuals with behavioral requirements further compromising for the purpose of evaluating the probable effects of interventions targeted at the improvement of individual's specific capabilities:

means for entering and storing data on specific interventions targeted at the attainment-improvement of individuals including data on the levels of targeted and ancillary domain-type abilities of specific individuals prior, during and after the intervention;

9	means for entering, storing selecting and carrying out statistical
10	procedures with which to establish relationships between individual with specific
11	entry characteristics and the specifically targeted ability attainment-improvements
12	of individuals during and after specific interventions; and
13	means for calculating the probable effects of one or more
14	interventions on individuals with specific entry characteristics.
1	26. The system as defined in claim 25 further comprising for the
2	purpose of including expert-system capabilities:
3	means for entering and storing longitudinal data on the success and
4	failure of individuals in the roles and situations with which they have been
5	previously matched;
6	means for entering, storing, selecting and carrying out iterative
7	statistical procedures with which to generate, and evaluate the effects of alternative
8	criteria in the procedures for matching individuals with roles and situations;
9	means for identifying the set of alternative criteria which maximizes
10	the overall predictive validity of procedures for matching individuals with specific
11	roles an situations and with specific attainment-improvement interventions; and
12	means for implementing changes in criteria to maximize the overall
13	predictive validity of procedures for matching individuals with specific roles and
14	situations and with specific attainment-improvement interventions.
1	27. The system as defined in claim 24 further comprising for the
2	purpose of assuring operator identity or preventing unauthorized access to any of
3	the system's operations:
4	one or redundant means for identifying the operator as an individual
5	being matched, or as a person authorized to change requirements for a specific role
6	and situation, or as person authorized to change requirements for a specific
7	attainment-improvement intervention, and

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8	means for locking out access to particular aspects of the system's
9	procedures according to the identification or the operator.
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1	28. The system as defined in claim 24 further comprising for the
2	purpose of increasing the system's flexibility and effectiveness with selectable
3	interaction options:
4	means for electronically storing and accessing audio, video or
5	textual presentations designed to elicit from system operators behavioral indicators
6	of a level of ability attainment in one or more dimensions;
7	means for selecting segments calculated to maximize the probability
8	of obtaining valid data on behavioral indicators relevant to matching the operator
9	with a role an situation, to matching the operator with an attainment-improvement
10	intervention or to providing the operator with an optimum challenge to
11	demonstrate an increased ability level in one or more dimensions.
12	means for presenting selected segments to the operator including
13	one or more speakers and/or earphones for audio and/or a cathode ray tube, crystal
14	display and/or printer for video, graphics or text; and
15	means for operator inputting behavioral indicators in response to the
16	presentation including a microphone for voice responses and a keyboard, mouse or
17	light pen.
1	29. The system as defined in claim 28, wherein said electronically
2	storing means includes a series of scenario segments in which the operator
3	assumes a role and the operator may intervene in that role at anytime or in any
4	manner, said actions and inactions constituting behavioral indicators of the
5	operator's abilities attainment.
1	30. The system as defined in claim 28, wherein said selecting means

additionally includes means to select presentations representing a just right

challenge, neither too easy or boring nor excessively difficult an frustrating.

- 31. The system as defined in claim 29, wherein said series of scenario segments are selected to present the operator with situations in later segments that are specific consequences or the operator's interventions in earlier segments.
  - 32. The algorithm as defined in claim 18, wherein the step of identifying a pool of data items hypothesized as behavioral indicators further identifies elapsed times for response to differentiate levels in an ability dimension.
  - 33. The algorithm as defined in claim 18, wherein the step of identifying a pool of data items hypothesized as behavioral indicators further identifies levels of tension while demonstrating the behavioral indicator to differentiate levels in an ability dimension.
  - 34. The algorithm as defined in claim 18, wherein the step of identifying a pool of data items hypothesized as behavioral indicators further identifies locations and characteristics of brain waves while demonstrating the behavioral indicator to differentiate levels in an ability dimension.
  - 35. The process as defined in claim 20 for obtaining data on the behavioral attainments of individuals further including unobtrusive monitoring of changes in an individual's tension level while demonstrating a behavioral indicator of a level of attainment in a dimension of abilities.
  - 36. The process as defined in claim 20 for obtaining data on the behavioral attainments of individuals further including the unobtrusive monitoring of changes in the individuals brain waves while demonstrating a behavioral indicator of a level of attainment in a dimension of abilities.

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1	37. The process as defined in claim 20 for obtaining data on the
2	behavioral attainments of individuals further including the following step to
3	protect against the wrong person being credited with an ability attainment:
4	processing performance data on each individual being appraised to
5	identify unique anomalies in data obtained on one or more of the behavioral
6	indicator items;
7	confirming that the data on a unique anomaly attributed to an
8	individual is reliable; and
9	comparing the unique characteristics in the performance data of
10	each individual being appraised with a previously compiled database of
11	individuals' unique characteristics to assure proper identification of the individual
12	and to protect against the wrong person being credited with an ability attainment.
1	38. The system to assure operator identity as defined in claim 27,
2	wherein the means for operator identification includes means of processing
3	operator voice responses through a method of speaker verification in one or more
4	languages.
1	39. The system as defined in claim 24 wherein the means for data entry
	includes means of processing operator voice responses through a method of speech
2	recognition in one or more spoken languages.
3	recognition in one of more spoken languages.
1	40. The system as defined in claim 24 wherein the means for data entry
2	includes means for inputting and processing data from various devices requiring
3	limb or body movements for obtaining data on physiological abilities.
1	The system as defined in claim 24 wherein the means for data entry

includes means for timing and evaluating timing data on behavioral indicators

requiring a specific time interval for operator responses.

- 42. The system as defined in claim 24 wherein the means for data entry includes means of inputting and processing the operator's tension levels during the process of demonstrating behavioral indicators requiring a specific minimum or maximum change in tension during operator responses.
  - 43. The system as defined in claim 24 wherein the means for data entry includes means of inputting and processing the operator's brain waves during the process of demonstrating behavioral indicators requiring specific brain waves during operator responses.
  - 44. An apparatus for unobtrusively obtaining transcutaneous data on a computer operators' tension levels simultaneous with performing specific computer operations, comprising imbedding transducers into surfaces of a computer mouse, joystick, tracking ball, earphone or any other computer device involving contact with the operators skin.
  - 45. An apparatus for unobtrusively obtaining data on an individual's brain waves associated with specific computer workstation operations, comprising imbedding transducers into surfaces of a headband holding earphones to generate transcutaneous data suitable for processing into a determination of the location, shape and timing of brain waves simultaneous with such computer or workstation operations.
  - 46. An algorithm to identify the relative stressor levels of mediated presentations, for the purpose of considering the tension inducing effects of such presentations upon media users, comprising the following steps:
- identifying the required behavioral capabilities, other than stress management related, for appropriate user response to each of a multiplicity of presentations;

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7	identifying a multiplicity of individuals with reliable data on their
8	respective attainment of the required behavioral capabilities, other than stress
9	management related, for appropriate user response to the multiplicity of
10	presentations;
11	obtaining data on the tension experienced by each individual and the
12	responses of each individual while interacting with each of the presentations;
13	processing the data on identified presentations and individuals,
14	utilizing one or more statistical techniques, to establish one or more hierarchical
15	relationships among the individuals of their relative vulnerability to tension
16	inducement, hierarchical relationships among the presentations or their relative
17	stressor levels and indices of the fit of the data on each individual and on each
18	presentation to the statistically derived theoretical model on which the established
19	hierarchical relationships have been predicated;
20	eliminating the data on individuals and presentations below an
21	acceptable fit and reprocessing the remaining data, continuing to so eliminate and
22	reprocess until all remaining individuals and all remaining presentations have an
23	acceptable fit to a statistically derived model for establishing hierarchical
24	relationships of tension vulnerability among individuals and stressor levels among
25	presentations;
26	constructing a scale, for one or more relationships between
27	presentation required an individual attained capabilities other than stress
28	management related, relating known individuals' tension vulnerability and known
29	presentations' stressor level; and
30	identifying the unknown stressor levels of particular presentations
31	on the scale through reference of the tension induced by the particular presentation
32	in individuals of known tension vulnerability.
1	47. The system as defined in claim 31 wherein said operator at one

47. The system as defined in claim 31 wherein said operator at one workstation can be electronically linked to one or more operators, each at their own workstations, through a linkage means which processes information from and

5	roles of the particular operators at each of the workstations.
1	48. The system as defined in claim 31 for said selecting of scenario
2	segments with specific stressor characteristics, further comprising the means for
3	employing the algorithm and data processing steps of claim 46.
1	49. The method for the purpose of simultaneously evaluating the
2	capabilities of specific service providers and specific individuals being serviced
3	and the effectiveness of specific services, comprising the following steps:
4	defining the various tasks, techniques and underlying abilities
5	required of an individual in a specific service provider role and situation in
6	accordance with the method of claims 2 through 19;
7	designing data entry procedures to document the specific services
8	provided specific individuals including the basis for any analyses and prescriptions
9	and for interim and final evaluations of service effectiveness;
10	redefining the levels of the various underlying service provider
11	abilities indicated by correct data entry for individuals with various specific
12	profiles of pre-intervention abilities and with various targeted improvements of
13	abilities with the method of claims 18 and 19;
14	processing of data obtained through entries of service provider and
15	individual being serviced to determine respective levels of indicated abilities in
16	accordance with the method of claims 20 and 21; and
17	processing of data to evaluate service effectiveness in accordance
18	with the method of claim 23.
1	50. The method for the management of attainment-improvement
2	intervention providers as defined in claim 49 including the following additional
3	steps:

to the linked workstations according to established protocols for differentiated

4	collecting data on the cost of the attainment-improvement
5	intervention provided each individual by providers being managed;
6	collecting data on the time period between initiation and completion
7	of each intervention in terms of the elapsed number of days and the total contact
8	hours between providers and the individual provided intervention services;
9	collecting longitudinal data on the maintenance and further
10	improvement of attained abilities after intervention services are terminated;
11	collecting data on the overall satisfaction of the individuals provided
12	intervention services; and
13	analyzing data on the abilities and status of individual before during
14	and after the intervention with the data collected on costs, time, post-intervention
15	abilities maintenance, post-intervention abilities improvements and overall
16	satisfaction to establish the quality, service time and cost of intervention services
17	of each provider and each group of providers subject to management
18	responsibility.

51. The system as defined in claims 24 through 31, 37 through 43 and 47-48 wherein all information used to elicit and process operator responses is stored at a central location and downloaded into an operator's workstation through dedicated or public communication lines including, but not limited to, satellite communication links and the world wide web.